

# TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



American Arborvitae  
*Thuja occidentalis*

The American Arborvitae is an evergreen tree with a narrowly conical shape. The leaves are scalelike and borne in flattened, aromatic sprays. The American Arborvitae has orange-brown bark that peels in vertical strips. The native range of this tree is Eastern North America on rocky mountain slopes, often on limestone, and swamps. Also known as the white cedar, this species was one of the first North American trees grown in Europe. In cultivation, there are innumerable selections, including ornamental forms with colored foliage and many of dwarf habit.

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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**

Summer is just around the corner, so don't forget to water your newly planted trees and shrubs. With the dry spring in the Northwest, it is crucial for establishment that young plants get enough water now. If you have any questions on proper watering techniques, or any handy water saving tips, please call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733. Sarah

## Green Industry Trade Show

The Washington Nursery and Landscape Association is presenting Emerald Expo 2001, a Green Industry Trade Show and Seminar Series. The event will be July 26-27, at the Stadium Exhibition Center in Seattle. The trade show will feature over 500 exhibits showcasing green goods, hard goods, and gift goods. The education seminars are geared towards growers, retailers, and landscape professionals. All attendees who pre-register by July 16, 2001 are admitted FREE. Registration at the door is \$6.00. A separate form is required for each attendee. Seminars are \$10.00 per 50 minute session, and \$15.00 per 80 minute session. Registrations may be accepted on-site on a space available basis. To ensure your space, you must register in advance. You will receive your badge and your seminar admission ticket at the show entrance. Prominent speakers will join us from throughout the U.S. and Canada. The Emerald Expo is sponsored by Northwest Garden News, Branch-Smith Publishing, and the Washington Association of Landscape Professionals. Don't miss this opportunity to educate and enthuse your entire staff. For more information on times of the show, seminar presenters, costs, and registration details, please call 1-877-GREEN55, or visit their website at [www.emeraldexpo.com](http://www.emeraldexpo.com).

## 2001 National Urban Forest Conference

American Forests is organizing the 2001 National Urban Forest Conference. The conference will be held in Washington, DC, September 5-8. The theme is "Investing in Natural Capital". The program session will focus on: public policies designed to increase natural capital, the latest computer technology to measure tree canopy cover and calculate its benefits, and the action programs that engage communities in rebuilding the urban forest. Speakers from around the world will be on hand to discuss urban forestry issues during the conference. Kevin LeClair, program coordinator of the Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program, will be presenting the findings of the Regional Ecosystem Analysis currently being conducted from Longview, Washington, to Eugene, Oregon. For more information on the conference, please contact American Forests at (304) 345-7578 or on the Internet at [www.americanforests.org](http://www.americanforests.org).

## ISA Conference and Trade Show

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) is having its annual Conference and Trade Show in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 13-15, 2001. The theme is "A festival of Trees" and will feature speakers from around the world. For details on the conference including a schedule of events, featured speakers, registration information and materials, visit [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com). The ISA Conference and Trade Show will be in Seattle next summer, July 28-31, 2002. If you are interested in helping out with next years conference, contact the Pacific Northwest Chapter office or visit their website at [www.pnwisa.org](http://www.pnwisa.org).

## Healthy Roots Make Healthy Trees

Are you wondering which roots you can safely cut during that sidewalk excavation? Or how about the latest techniques in root problem diagnosis? Then *Healthy Roots Make Healthy Trees* is for you. This seminar will focus on roots, soil, and related issues such as fertilization. Dr. Tom Smiley of Bartlett Research Laboratories will be the featured speaker for this class that looks at the part of the tree we don't see - the roots. Dr. Smiley will discuss root cutting, root crown excavation, and diagnosis of root related problems. Peter Andreucci of Bartlett's West Coast office will discuss some of the basics of contracting root related diagnostic services. This will be an interesting program featuring some of the latest research and practical applications of tree root information. The course will be held on Thursday, June 7, at the World Forestry Center in Portland, Oregon, and repeated on Friday, June 8, in Mt. Vernon, Washington. For more information please contact the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (PNW-ISA) at (503) 874-8263.

## In the works (continued)

"Acts of creation are ordinarily reserved for gods and poets. To plant a pine, one need only a shovel."

-Aldo Leopold

**TRIVIA:** How many Oregon communities received the Tree City USA award for 2000?

(answer is upside down below)

## Picks and Shovels

**Water Conservation Tip:** Collect water in the shower or bath while the water is warming up in buckets. This can then be used to water plants and saves on wasted water.

## On the Horizon

**The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.**

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## 2001: A Tree Odyssey

The 22nd Annual PNW-ISA Training Conference is coming soon! Mark your calendar now for the annual conference...a great program, good food, old friends...an event you won't want to miss. The conference is September 23-26, at the Harrison Hot Springs Resort in British Columbia, about 1.5 hours east of Vancouver and 3 hours northeast of Seattle. Featured speakers include Dr. Claus Mattheck; Dr. Kim Coder of the University of Georgia; Brian Minter, BC TV gardening personality; and Dr. Ed Gilman of the University of Florida. Look for more information in the next issue of "Pacific Northwest Trees." For more information, contact the PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263 or by email at [info@pnwisa.org](mailto:info@pnwisa.org).

## Fire Hits Center for Urban Horticulture

The Center for Urban Horticulture (CUH) at the University of Washington suffered a three alarm blaze in the early morning hours of May 21. The Center for Urban Horticulture was extensively damaged in the fire. The collections at the Elizabeth C. Miller Library were damaged by heat, smoke, and water, and all have been removed for restoration. The library will be closed for an indefinite period. CUH houses many programs, including the urban forestry program, labs, meeting rooms, classrooms, a library, and offices. The fire is under investigation and was intentionally lit. No one was hurt in the fire. For more information on the Center for Urban Horticulture, visit its website at <http://depts.washington.edu/urbhort>.

*Fire-Resistant Plants for Oregon Home Landscapes.* The Oregon State University Extension Service has published this four page guide on making home landscapes fire safe. It was written by Steven Fitzgerald and Amy Joe Waldo, and is available via email. The guide includes an extensive species list to help homeowners plant landscapes that will resist fire. To receive a copy of this publication, please call the Urban and Community Forestry Program at 1-800-523-TREE or send an email request to [urban\\_forestry@wadnr.gov](mailto:urban_forestry@wadnr.gov).

*Plant it Right: Restoring our Streams.* A 17-minute video and handout by Puget Sound Water Quality Team and the Washington State University Cooperative Extension are available for loan from the U&CF program. They contain information on how to plant different types of materials, proper hole preparation, maintenance, tool safety, and streamside etiquette. Call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE. The information is also available in a downloadable format at <http://wawater.wsu.edu>.

*Planting and After Care of Community Trees.* This publication was created by Penn State University and has helpful tips in the planting and care of trees in urban areas. This booklet has a lot of information and is in an easy to read format that includes a lot of graphics. If you would a copy of this booklet, please contact Penn State University Publications Distribution Center at (814) 865-6713. A limited number are also available by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

### June

- 7 Healthy Roots Make Healthy Trees, Portland. Contact PNW-ISA for information.
- 8 Healthy Roots Make Healthy Trees, Mount Vernon. Contact PNW-ISA for details.
- 20 Washington Community Forestry Council (WCFC) Meeting, Swinomish Tribal Community. Call the TreeLink Hotline for details.
- 22 Certified Arborist Exam, Seattle. Register by June 6, 2001. Call PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263.

### July

- 21 PNW-ISA Tree Climbing Competition, Seattle. Call (509) 874-8263 for details.
- 26-27 Emerald Expo, at the Stadium Exposition Center, Seattle. Call 1-877-GREEN55 for details.

### August

- 8 WCFC meeting in Wenatchee. Call the TreeLink Hotline for details.
- 12-15 International Society of Arboriculture Conference and Trade Show, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Registration materials available by calling the TreeLink Hotline.